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A NEW OUTLOOK ON BUILDING COMMUNITY

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Focusing our energies on solutions can inspire, strengthen, and invigorate us. Most people get so overwhelmed by problems that they either ignore them or get obsessed with and thereby paralyzed by them. Regeneration acknowledges the many serious challenges which confront us, but also provides practical solutions. It points to the small but important steps that people are taking to improve their lives and enrich their communities even in the face of adversity. Cultivating a sense of hope and possibility is prerequisite to any meaningful social action.

To light the way for others we must first find light within ourselves. To find this light we must have a strong enough faith in its existence to warrant searching for it. The first step in the search is to affirm to ourselves: yes we can. We can find the light, the strength, and the possibility within ourselves. We can improve our lives. We can strengthen our communities despite the difficulties which face us. We can help each other at the same time we help ourselves. The Regeneration Project of Rodale Press is devoted to showing people that we can do all these things and many more.

In more than one respect, regeneration is a vision - both a vision for the future and a way of looking at the present. Ask yourself these questions to determine how regenerative your outlook on life is:

Are you usually able to capitalize on disturbances in your life and find opportunities in the midst of crises?

Do you focus on the abundance inside and around you or do you usually get preoccupied with scarcity?

Do you think in terms of what you lack and expect from others, or do you think in terms of what you have and try to enhance your capacity?

When you see something which seems wrong, do you merely criticize and protest or do you try to point out feasible, constructive solutions?

Deep listening is an essential step to personal regeneration. It is also true that regeneration requires cultivating a unique way of seeing. When you adopt a regenerative

outlook you shed light on yourself and on those you come in contact with. Cultivate the spark of regeneration within yourself and watch the results.

An example of a regenerative community project is described in the Spring 1986 issue of the REGENERATION newsletter, reprinted below:

Have you ever wondered what restaurants do with the soup du jour when it is no longer "du jour?" You're right: in almost all cases it gets thrown in the garbage as soon as it becomes "soup d'hier." The same thing happens with millions of tons of food a year in the United States. In fact, while twenty million Americans suffer from hunger, we will collectively throw away over fifty billion dollars worth of food this year.

If people follow the example set by the Daily Bread Project of Berkeley, California, however, this trend may begin to change - one community at a time.

The Daily Bread Project is a grassroots organization that picks up surplus, but perfectly nutritious food from local restaurants, grocery stores, bakeries and university dining halls and brings the food directly to local free-food kitchens, shelters and refuges.

The project is run by a staff of one hundred and is currently moving over ten tons of food a month to over thirty feeding programs in the East Bay area. The budget for this project which feeds thousands of people? \$0.00

Carolyn North, founder and coordinator of Daily Bread, tells the story in her own words:

"The Daily Bread Project was created to address the dual problems of local hunger and local waste. By intercepting food which is ordinarily thrown out at the end of a business day and bringing the surplus food to soup kitchens, shelters and refuges, we hoped to have a variety of effects in the community: 1. feeding more people for less; 2. preventing waste of nutritious food; 3. educating the public about hunger and waste; 4. providing a means for individuals to actively combat world hunger. Our challenge was to accomplish this with no full-time

staff and no budget.

On the surface we're delivering food and preventing waste, but we're really doing much more than that. Daily Bread is showing people that a few dedicated individuals really can make a difference and that there's a lot that ordinary people can do to solve seemingly insurmountable problems. The work of Daily Bread is as much about delivering hope and empowerment as it is about delivering bread and cheese.

Many people have thanked me for giving them the opportunity to do something even though they spend most of their time at their job or wherever else. People don't want to feel helpless; so anything you can do to provide them with an opportunity to shift from a despairing mode to a hopeful mode is very important.

I know what it's like to feel helpless; for years I spent my nights lying awake in bed knowing that there were so many problems in the world, but feeling that I couldn't do anything about them.

The only way to break out of that sort of mindset is to start small. We started as one person and grew from there. In addition to the main food program, we now coordinate a garden project, in which several tons of vegetables are grown and harvested for the food kitchens, and a fruit-tree gleaning project in which our team of twenty picks backyard fruit trees for community residents and takes the fruit which the tree-owners don't want to the food kitchens.

Volunteers use their own cars and bicycles to pick up and deliver the food. They let me know when they can work and how long they want to work and I plan the weekly schedule accordingly. Most runs take about a half an hour (an hour at the very most.) Routes are planned so that people can do their runs on the way to school, picking up the children or on the way to work. It's essential that the runs be incorporated conveniently into people's daily schedules. Most people would love to do something helpful but feel that they just can't make a heavy time commitment.

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The project is really as regenerative for the volunteers as it is for the people who receive the food. There's something magical about the act of sharing; I think it's basically a spiritual act.

Many of the volunteers form very special relationships with the people at the shelters. The woman who does the Wednesday run from Ramona's Restaurant, for example, decided to have her birthday party at the shelter. She said: 'I realized that these were the people I wanted to be with.'

And that sort of thing - where people are really making friends with each other - is starting to happen more and more. Generally, these are people who would not even meet each other during the ordinary run of their lives. There's not a sense of 'we' and 'they' but rather a sense that we're all in this together. It has to do with sharing and not me giving you or you giving me. That's very important.

One thing you really have to be sensitive to, and this I think I learned in India and was prepared for, has to do with the giving of charity and the whole attitude of giving the poor folks your cash box. That is not at all what Daily Bread is about.

I think that the conventional notion of charity has to go out the window - and that's hard. For many people, this sort of work is their kind of 'do-goody' thing they do during the week so that they won't have to worry about anything on the weekend. I really discourage that a lot. Self-righteousness is a big danger.

The basic feeling that I have is that we're all in the same boat and there's trouble for us all at different times. We just have to give each other a hand when times are tough. Today I'm the one who is sending the food to you and tomorrow it may be you who are sending the food to me.

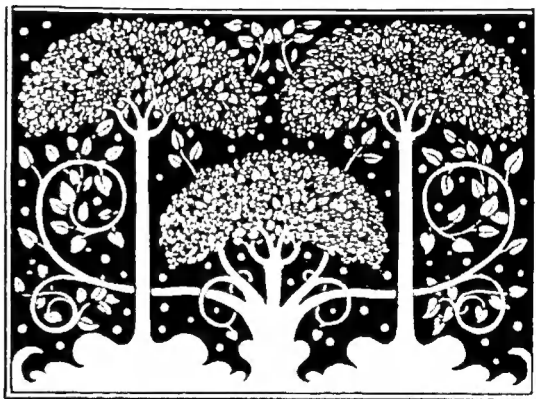
The community aspect of the project is vital and it's also the most fun. That's another key part of the equation: fun. It has to be a pleasure in order to work. The pleasure in meeting people is not really the gravy of our work, it is the essence of it."

Other examples of regenerative projects profiled in REGENERATION are:

A community theatre group that brings live theatre to many people who would have no other opportunity to see it; a school gardening program for low-income children; a homegrown playground project that uses volunteer labor, donated lumber, and the expertise of local kids to save money; a "Seniors Helping Seniors" program that provides legal advice for elderly people, stretches federal tax dollars, and uses a free, locally available informational resource - the older citizens of the area; a waste exchange service that turns one of our greatest environmental problems (hazardous waste) into a valuable resource; and a municipal program which makes recycling fun, saves landfill space and tax dollars for the community, and makes money for lucky lottery winners.

The stories profiled in REGENERATION are not earth-shattering, "change-the-world-over-night" type of stories. But they do accomplish something very important: they show us that we don't have to choose between working to improve our own lives and working to improve the world around us.

For more information or to subscribe to the REGENERATION newsletter, write: Subscription, REGENERATION, 33 E. Minor Street, Emmaus, PA 18049.



Self-Reliance Conference

by Theresa Fallon

"The Self-Reliant Community" is the theme of this year's Community Service conference, to be held October 23-25. The conference will focus on ways to create diverse, thriving, stimulating communities in which residents work together to create the kind of community they want. It will also explore the values and personal qualities conducive to community development and successful social change.

A self-reliant community is one that uses its own local resources to its maximum potential to create a healthy, diverse economy and social environment. Self-reliance does not mean providing for every community need. It encourages interdependent cooperation among various nearby towns and cities. One in which diversity precludes total dependence on one major industry and at the same time promotes interaction and trade with neighboring communities, which in turn, strengthens self-reliance for each.

Most communities have skills, talents and resources that have been overlooked or disused. This can be anything from an abandoned building to Mrs. Smith's hidden sewing talents. Cooperating to identify and utilize these resources can help to regenerate a community not only in the important economic sense of jobs and productivity, but in many other areas that are also vital to the health and stability of community life: schools, transportation, housing, recreation, entertainment, environmental quality.

The keynote speaker will be Bill Berkowitz, a psychologist specializing in community mental health and the author of Community Dreams (reviewed in last issue of this NEWSLETTER). He will speak on the inner dimension of community change and the personal qualities which are closely associated with successful community action. His soon-to-be published new book, Local Heroes, highlights these qualities through a series of interviews with "ordinary people of extraordinary accomplishment." This book will be available at the time of the conference.

Also speaking will be Jeff Bercuvitz, Executive Editor of the REGENERATION newsletter and Director of the Rodale Regeneration Project in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. Jeff has traveled around the country teaching ways in which communities can strengthen their economies, build community spirit and improve their living environment. His technique is based on emphasizing the positive assets of the community and identifying local skills and resources which citizens can use to take control of shaping their town's short and long-term development. He will speak on successful ways to regenerate communities and lead a discussion entitled, "What Does Community Revitalization Really Mean?"

A third resource person is Sue Jackson, Vice President of Operations of the Miami Valley Small Business Incubator, located in Yellow Springs and in operation for nearly two years. The Incubator helps small businesses, entrepreneurs and inventors by providing office space, technical support and management consulting advice from a myriad of business and education professionals. Approximately 23 businesses are located in the incubator producing products and services ranging from children's music to graphic arts, rehabilitation design and applications to aviation hardware. She will be speaking on the community and small business development. In addition to business development in the economic sense, Jackson and colleagues Merry Edwards and Lauren Meyers will discuss their experiences with developing meaningful work choices for physically and mentally disabled adults. They have already created a model program, Fels Fountain, a restaurant operated by severely mentally disabled clients.

The conference will take place at the Outdoor Education Center of Antioch College. This is located in the beautiful Glen Helen Nature Preserve -- a 1000 acre preserve with plenty of room for hiking. Camping can be done in nearby John Bryan State Park. The conference will include workshops on applying lessons learned to our individual communities and opportunities to consult with speakers on specific needs or problems. For more information and a brochure contact: Community Service Inc., P.O. Box 243, Yellow Springs OH 45387 or call 513/767-2161 or 767-1461.

Making Contact: Homeschoolers Network

by Lauren McElroy

Making Contact is a national network. It is a growing group of homeschooling families interested in living near other homeschoolers. It is a way for these families to find out about and get to know each other.

We all, no matter where we live, are already connected with those around us in some form of community, whether we be dwellers in an urban neighborhood, or homesteaders sharing the same watershed with the other inhabitants of the valley. Making Contact exists for homeschooling families who've come to feel they'd like a community setting which would actively contribute to their lives as homeschoolers. Many of us would like, as part of our everyday lives, to work/play with families with whom we can share the joys, concerns and solutions that are of vital interest to us.

Families' reasons for wanting to live near other homeschoolers can vary widely, as can the types of community settings they wish to create with other families. Some families may simply be looking to live near others whose children are likely to be home during the day, while others may wish to share goals, values and culture to a high degree with other families they live near. They may wish for a setting where adults model skills and ways of life through daily interaction, not only with their own children, but with others' children as well. Some may want to live in the same urban/suburban neighborhood with other homeschooling families, while others may seek to create an intentional community, with closer ties. Some may be interested in homesteading near each other, in an interconnected way, while others may envision a village as their preferred setting. Working together, families may create these, or any combination of them, or some other context for living near each other.

Making Contact families begin to get to know each other by each family writing a one-page description of themselves and the kind of context in which they'd like to live. They then send this to the person who volunteered to copy and distribute these descriptions.

That person then sends one copy of each description to every family in the network. As new families decide to participate, their descriptions are sent out to the other families, and the newly participating families receive copies of the descriptions already on file. Each one-page description needs to be on white, 8 1/2" x 11" paper, in black ink, and typed or written in easily readable handwriting. This makes for better copies. The information about themselves which families include in their descriptions can be based on the suggestions accompanying this article.

This network, Making Contact, is a co-operative venture. Families contribute together toward placing ads and copying costs, as well as occasionally rotating among themselves the few tasks involved in keeping it going (sending out information in response to inquiries, copying and distributing initial descriptions, placing ads). Money contributed to the network is sent to the same address as that to which descriptions are sent. A suggested initial donation is \$15.00, more if a family can afford it, less if they can't. Even a 22 cent stamp is a welcome contribution.

Reading other families' descriptions is like coming to a party (stretched over time and space) being given for homeschoolers. And as at a party, you and your family might feel drawn to certain other families who share your interests, or about whom you'd like to find out more. You might start a conversation with one or a few of these families, or you might not feel immediately drawn to speak to anyone present until later when a family may have arrived with whom you'd be interested in sharing viewpoints. As the party continues, there might emerge groups of people having lively conversations about topics which interest all of them. Different families might decide to get together at another time at each other's houses.

If they wish to, families together can open up, for both children and adults, vistas of experience which seem to be vanishing from American daily life. For example, the freedom and confidence of being able to travel

"on one's own steam," rather than by car or bus. Of being able to easily go from one's home to a friend's house ... to the family workplace ... to that special fort lying hidden in a silent glade. The freedom of knowing that each member of the family is safe and welcome in many other places besides his or her own home.

Living near each other, families can together purchase, and have daily access to, a wider array of tools, books, and play equipment than one family alone might be able to bring into their life. Families who wish to worship with others, but who shy away from the formality of churches, might create a more personal space for worship. By making their lives permeable to one another, families can also give each other the gift of being able to observe and interact with friends engaged in many different kinds of meaningful and enjoyable work, and who are knowledgeable about and interested in many different kinds of activities.

We've come to realize that, to us, the essential ingredient in community is not the exterior forms but people. All the specific expressions of community unfurl from the seed of the aligned inner desire of the people involved. Making Contact is a move toward this alignment.

Send your family description and check to: Carl Wilson, P.O. Box 626, Booneville, CA 95415. Include: Name and ages of family members, address and phone, educational style, willingness to move, location preference, spiritual path/life philosophy, interest in community, degree of economic cooperation, current circumstances, financial resources and needs, occupations and skills, and other lifestyle considerations.



FIC Meeting

by Allen Butcher and Dan Christenberry

The following article is a report of the first formal business meeting and social gathering of the revived Fellowship of Intentional Communities, which had met informally once a year since the fifties. Its new name is Fellowship for Intentional Communities. It includes not only intentional communities, but interested individuals and other organizations concerned with building community and networking.

It is certainly an historic event when people from different backgrounds begin to act on the premise of affirming their common ideals and shared intents. It is also very inspirational and enjoyable to be part of something which feels to be new and of great potential. Recalling how our weekend meeting progressed, I remember how we at first had a circle of people around a table and a second circle around the walls. Gradually, as participation increased, we became one large circle as the people who were new and those who had been involved became a more integrated group. People were graciously consolidating their positions with the group consensus, accepting more responsibility, and deepening their commitment to our effort to build a network supporting intentional community.

The increasing level of participation we experienced at our membership meeting, held May 23-24 at Stelle Community in Illinois, was perhaps largely due to our having an item on our agenda which encouraged the involvement of everyone present. Our paragraph-by-paragraph reading of the proposed bylaws apparently facilitated a sense of common involvement as each person's thoughts and suggestions were heard and discussed. The fact that we completed our group-generated bylaws revisioning effort, despite the fact that it was a long, complicated and technical exercise, clearly contributed to a feeling of shared awareness that we can work together and accomplish significant tasks. Similarly, if we are to grow and develop in our levels of participation as a network, we must plan projects which spark many persons' interest, and which have achievable goals within reasonable time periods.

The first project we have set for ourselves is for each member to concentrate upon contacting other communities which are not yet involved in the FIC, encourage their awareness of the Fellowship, and aid their involvement in determining how their community may both serve and benefit through an association of intentional communities.

Printing a descriptive brochure for the Fellowship will support our members in reaching out to other individuals, communities and organizations toward gathering further energy and ideas. For the first year of our newly revised Fellowship (actually founded in 1953 from a network of predominately eastern communities) we expect to focus on developing our organizational form and on enlarging our network.

Networking is clearly the reason for and the primary goal of our association. Consistent with this, we expect to hold our semi-annual board meetings and annual membership meetings at different communities, encouraging participation from other communities and organizations in those various regions of the country. The autumn board meeting will be in the South Central U.S. and the '87 membership meeting will be hosted by a member of the Inter-Communities Network of Virginia. Communities interested in attending or hosting a Fellowship meeting should contact our office at Stelle.

Our recent membership meeting at Stelle community accomplished a revision of our bylaws, a seating of officers, an executive committee and board-of-directors, a discussion of membership and dues, and a decision to apply for 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status. The rest of our weekend was shared with the annual Community Educational Service Council, Inc. (CESCI) loan fund meeting on Saturday, a Sunday morning activity, and an afternoon video and slide/tape presentation of several different communities and community networks.

Our future meetings will further develop our organizational form and focus upon networking projects. Ideas with excellent networking potential include the proposed computerized referral service, referring individuals with particular desires to compatible communities. We are aware that Kerista community in San Francisco already has a similar system in

place, so perhaps we could work to further develop and support their efforts. Our eventual need to begin an FIC newsletter may be an opportunity to work with one or more of the existing community network newsletters, most of which are largely subsidized by their parent organizations. Recalling that Communities magazine was begun by a merger of three community journals, perhaps a merged newsletter is also practical.

A third proposal supports the ideal of establishing a tradition of sharing and of common celebration among intentional communities. Two things we might do toward this ideal is first, maintaining a calendar of activities of our various communities which are open to general participation, and second, encouraging each community to hold a regular annual networking party or gathering open to persons from other communities. Enjoying ourselves and each other while we carry on our work is an important method of maintaining a high morale and commitment to our projects.

On the drive home, Dan and I began talking about the meeting discussion on team holding of board seats, held not so much by individuals as by a network of communities. Both the Federation of Egalitarian Communities and the Society of Emissaries have member communities in different parts of the country. As our meetings are held in different regions, different representatives of member community networks could attend, occupying their network's board seat. We did not reach a policy decision on this at our weekend meeting, but the idea of establishing a Membership Committee to develop a policy proposal on team-held board seats may be a good method of approaching our membership program needs.

A second issue we considered flowed from the weekend discussion on membership of individual persons in the FIC. At the meeting we talked about a minimum membership fee or dues. However, there was a feeling that we might desire to exclude certain people who may not uphold our tenets, as the history of communities includes some rather psychopathic personalities.

We thought about proposing two classes of individual membership. The first class, called "Members," would be open to anyone but would have no voting rights, just whatever basic benefits we made available. The second class

would be called "Networking Members," or "Networkers," who would have voting rights; electing board members and officers as well as new Networking Members.

Thinking about this kind of voting member process for our Fellowship suggests that the result would be our creation of a NETWORKER COMMUNITY! We would be a non-land based intentional community with many of our members living in other, landed intentional communities. This may facilitate inter-community visits as we travel and are welcomed as guests of other FIC Networker's in their home communities.

It is an interesting organizational design question to consider how we might integrate these two membership proposals of team-held board seats and voting Networkers. Our executive committee may construct a policy proposal for our next board agenda on this topic and perhaps also initiate a process to find a logo. Send proposals to our Stelle office.

Other projects suggested at our Stelle meeting include: founding a new community through the Renaissance Cities project; beginning the proposed media clipping service/press releases/media coverage kit ideas; speakers bureau; library/archives/video resources center; and the ever present concern to apply ourselves to the issues of poverty, homelessness and single parents.

To contribute to the diversity of our Fellowship, and to participate in the support we may collectively offer to community development, please consider contacting the Fellowship for Intentional Community at 105 Sun St., Stelle, IL 60919.



Book Reviews



GHANDI TODAY by Mark Shepard. Simple Productions, Arcata, CA. 140 pp., cloth. Available from Community Service for \$11.00 postpaid.

This is a wonderful, well-written book that proves that the ideals of Gandhi did not die with him in 1948, but instead have grown over the years into quite a wide-spread movement in India that is affecting the lives of people on the village level as well as influencing government policy. It is short (I read it easily in two evenings) and has a lean direct style that is a pleasure to read. It is inspiring in that it presents strong living examples of ideas and actions that work. Shepard readily admits however that there is much in India that still needs to be addressed, including improvements in organizing and spreading the Gandhian ideas.

Ghandi is best known for his nonviolent struggle in the cause of India's independence from British rule. But as Shepard explains, Ghandi considered his constructive efforts aimed at transforming Indian society as more important than his political goals. These constructive efforts involved healing the divisions between Hindu and Muslim, ending oppression in the caste system, and combating backward social practices. Most importantly, Ghandi strived to inject new economic strength into India's villages. He did not believe a healthy society could be built on cities and factories. He envisioned India as a society of strong villages--each one politically autonomous and economically self-reliant.

Shepard provides just enough Indian history to enable you to understand the context in which the Gandhian movement developed under the various political and spiritual successors that followed. Much of the book however is filled with examples of Gandhian ideals being transformed into practical applications on the village and community level. These successful experiments, some of which had leaders, but are essentially the work of cooperation between villagers, include:

A mountain village that banded together to physically stop excessive clearcutting of trees by industrial contractors from the cities, which was causing environmental destruction and landslides.

A village People's Court which hears cases and resolves conflicts based not on threat of punishment, but on the moral pressure of the community as directed by the court.

An intentional community in which Indians live and work cooperatively regardless of their religion, caste or lack of caste.

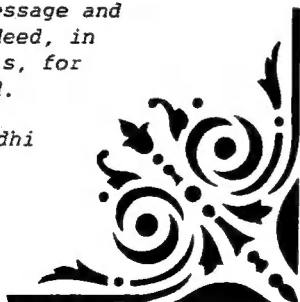
The last chapter is a postscript which points out some of the people and organizations around the world that have been influenced by Ghandi and are putting his message into practice in big and small ways. From the idea of land trusts to Witness for Peace in Nicaragua to the nonviolent overthrow of the Marcos government in the Phillipines, the Ghandian legacy is being spread to the consciousness of the world. Adapted, as it should be, to time and place it is a force that has only begun to realize its potential.

Ghandi Today portrays, in a delightfully uplifting and positive style, how the ideals that were sown years before and which do not often seem apparent in our troubled world, still live on where it counts--in the minds and lives of ordinary folk. For anyone who admires Ghandi or needs proof of the power of non-violent peaceful change, I highly recommend this book.

--Theresa Fallon

*If I can say so without
arrogance and with due
humility, my message and
methods are indeed, in
their essentials, for
the whole world.*

Gandhi



Readers Write



ABOUT OUR BOOKS

Enclosed is a check in payment for 2 copies of the book, An Enchanted Childhood at Raven Rocks by Elsa C. Harper.

I plan to give away one copy and will make a Xerox of Warren Stetzel's article "News from Raven Rocks" to go along with it. Together they make up yesterday and today. Another way to say it is "Stetzel's article would make a good epilogue for the book."

The review of the book brought back to me many memories of growing up on a farm in Oregon. And Warren Stetzel's "News from Raven Rocks" is a message of hope for the future by his illumination of the "fundamental truth that all things are connected, all are related, all are one."

Jeannette F. Lund, Oregon

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Continue to enjoy the newsletter as I have all three years. I feel a deep kinship for all "Community Minded" folk even though we're not directly involved with the land. I feel husbandry of this beautiful world and all its resources is paramount. Carry on the good work.

Rudy A. Potochnik, Modesto, CA

I particularly enjoyed the May/June '87 issue of your newsletter - cover to cover. I'm always tempted by your book reviews; I felt I couldn't miss Community Dreams by Bill Berkowitz, though we have to miss your conference with him.

Mary Howarth, Colorado

Announcements



CAN YOU HELP KOINONIA?

Koinonia Community is looking for the donation of MacIntosh Plus and other desk-top publishing hardware. It is now in a position to do more of its newsletter and advertising design in-house.

It also needs people who will dedicate a number of years to learn skills in the farming and gardening area. If you have some experience in farming or gardening and an interest in life in an intentional Christian Community please visit or write.

Many friends have made no-interest loans to Koinonia for the building of decent houses, available for low-income people in Sumter County, Ga. The amount available for its housing ministry is shrinking. It asks you to prayerfully consider making a loan so that it can continue the effort to get its neighbors out of shacks and into decent shelter. Write: Koinona Partners, Rt. 2, Americus, GA 31709.



JOB OPENING FOR MATH/SCIENCE TEACHER

This is a challenging job in an exciting alternative school for someone with energy and commitment to working within a democratic community with all ages of children. Pennsylvania certification or working toward certification required. We are looking for someone who wants to work with students in small groups and to include field trips and out-of-door experiences in their curriculum. The school includes all grades from Kindergarten through high school and is a Licensed Private Academic School. We are located in the Northwest corner of Chester County, near the villages of Eagle and Glenmoore.

Call Sandy Hurst for an interview. Please send resume first. Upattinas School Open Community Corp. RD 1, Box 378 Glenmoore Pa. 19343 (215) 458-5138.

WORKSHOP: PEACEMAKING AND NON-VIOLENCE

September 25-27. Only our own attitudes of nonviolence and daily practice of peacemaking will lead us to the Gandhian soul-force of nonviolence, satyagraha. These attitudes and practices will be the focus of the workshop which will offer participants the opportunity to look at violence and nonviolence toward themselves, others and the world, as well as to begin listening inwardly for their own unique paths as peacemakers. The resource person, Anne Yeomans, is a psychotherapist with extensive experience applying nonviolent principles to personal, social and political issues.

\$125-150 for program, meals and lodging.
\$100-125 without lodging. For more information, write Grailville Programs, 932 O'Bannonville Road, Loveland, Ohio 45410, or call (513) 683-2340.



PADANARAM SETTLEMENT 1987 CONVENTION

October 23-25. Open discussion on varied subjects having to do with building a worldwide network of communities. Padanaram was established in 1966 as a utopian village. Its vision is of worldwide cooperation.

If planning to stay in our scenic valley bring bedding, tents, sleeping bags, and outdoor style clothing. Motels are available nearby. Simple meals will be served. Everyone welcome.

For further information, contact Rachel Summerton at Padanaram Settlement, R.R. 1, Box 478, Williams, Indiana 47470; (812) 388-5571.



WORK WANTED

Progressive man of 44 years seeks "movement" work-for-wages from his residence. For example, proofreading, indexing, research, regional representation, envelope stuffing, etc. Former college teacher and human services worker; experienced volunteer in peace & social justice issues, human & animal rights, bioregional & green politics. Or is there a place within your group at your location, permanently or as a fill-in for someone on vacation or leave? Resume available upon request. Michael Ochs, 443 Market St., Williamsport PA 17701, (717) 326-2513.



WONDER

When they dedicated Yosemite,
the man who had discovered it
took part in the ceremony.
"I wish I'd known it was going to
be famous
when I first looked at it," he said.
Haven't we all done that?
We miss the wonder that is all
around us,
waiting for us to recognize it:
the wonder in our own world,
in our friends and neighbors,
in ourselves.
Is there a Yosemite in you?

This poem by James Dillet Freeman appeared in the August 1986 Daily Word published by Unity School of Christianity, Unity MO.

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Membership is a means of supporting and sharing the work of Community Service. The basic \$15 annual membership contribution includes a subscription to our bi-monthly NEWSLETTER and 10% off all Community Service-published literature. Larger contributions are always needed however, and smaller ones will be gladly accepted. Community Service is a non-profit corporation which depends on contributions to run its operation. All contributions are appreciated, needed and tax deductible. Due to added postage costs, overseas membership is \$20 in U.S. currency.

Have Your Friends Seen the Newsletter?

Please send the names and addresses of your friends who might enjoy receiving a sample NEWSLETTER and booklist. (If you wish specific issues sent, please send \$1.00 per copy.)

Editor's Note

We welcome letters to the editor (under 300 words) and articles (700-1500 words) about any notable communities or people who are improving the quality of life in their communities. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish the article returned. The only compensation we can offer is the satisfaction of seeing your words in print and knowing you have helped spread encouraging and/or educational information.

Editor's Note #2

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